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## FILMS FOR BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK

Although we have several prints both of "In Behalf of Animals" (two reels) and "The Bell of Atri" (one reel), it will be necessary to make reservations early for rental of these films for use during BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK or on HUMANE SUNDAY. If you are interested in these, please write at once to Secretary, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, stating your requirements. Be sure to say whether you wish the large (35 mm.) size, such as used in theaters, or the small (16 mm.) size, used in schools and small halls. Printed description of each film mailed upon request.

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The Massachusetts Society  
for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

The American Humane Education Society

The American Band of Mercy

I would not enter on my list of friends,  
Though graced with polished manners and fine sense,  
Yet wanting sensibility, the man  
Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm.

—COWPER



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There appears to have been during 1938 only sixty cases of rabies in Massachusetts, the smallest number for the past twenty-two years. The largest number of cases of this disease for the same period was in 1928 when there were 862.

*The Blue Cross*, official organ of the Shanghai Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, continues to come to us. It is a very attractively prepared magazine and beautifully illustrated. As we think of Shanghai, it hardly seems possible that any organization there has been able to carry on as in the past.

Mount Greylock is Massachusetts' highest mountain. Since 1932 what has been known as the Eternal Light has burned on its summit, a 12,000-watt beacon blazing from the 1,110-foot tower. But what gladdened the human eye as it turned toward that beacon to the migratory birds became a lure to their death. And so, during the migratory seasons, the Light will burn no more.

Mr. Thornton W. Burgess, the widely-known lover of animals and of children and equally welcome broadcaster, began February 7 to speak from Springfield, over WSPR (1140 on the dial), in the interest of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Springfield Animal Hospital and the many, many forms of animal life that have won his love and affection. He will be heard on this station at 6.15 P.M., each Tuesday.

Schopenhauer was a great philosopher. His name will rank with the leaders of human thought, and it was he who said,

"Boundless compassion for all living things is the surest and most certain guarantee of pure moral conduct; and needs no casuistry. Whoever is filled with it will assuredly injure no one, do harm to no one, encroach on no man's rights; he will rather have regard for everyone, help everyone as far as he can, and all his actions will bear the stamp of justice and loving kindness."

## Why the Following Letter?

January 19, 1939

Will Hays, President  
Motion Picture Producers & Distributors  
of America, Inc.

New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hays:

Though often assured by motion picture managers that the day had passed when cruelty to animals would be tolerated in the making of films, I am now particularly astonished at an article which has appeared in a New York paper relative to the inhuman cruelties inflicted especially upon horses in the filming of the picture known as "Jesse James."

Unfortunately, I have had no opportunity to see the picture, but I have read the report which appeared, written by Irvin John Scully, a widely-experienced newspaper man and publicist, and the testimony presented seems absolutely irrefutable. I am, therefore, expressing here the protest of our two great organizations, and shall publish in our magazine, which goes all over the world, and to every humane organization, the substance of this report. I cannot understand how any American organization appealing to a decent and humane American public can be guilty of such cruelties as are reported by eyewitnesses and thoroughly reputable people.

I feel certain that the membership of the more than six hundred humane organizations in this country, learning of what occurred during the filming of that picture, will show their indignant protest by absolutely refusing to see the picture and by telling their friends to stay away from it.

Sincerely yours,  
(Signed) FRANCIS H. ROWLEY,  
President

If the above letter does not satisfactorily explain itself, here are the facts on which it is based:

Having had information from eyewitnesses of the cruelties to horses involved in the filming of the picture, "Jesse James," (produced by Twentieth Century Fox

Studios, Inc.) the Humane Society of Missouri (St. Louis) and the American Humane Association took steps to secure the testimony of people actually present at the place where this section of the moving picture was filmed. We quote now from the affidavits of eyewitnesses, according to an article by Irvin John Scully, spoken of in the above letter.

"Last October a Twentieth Century location crew arrived at the Lake of the Ozarks, Camden County, Missouri. On October 4, the crew set up a greased slide, blind chute and roller rocker, above a drop—the moving picture company admits it's close to fifty feet—at what is known locally as the Osage Arm of the Lake of the Ozarks. A local company furnished a fleet comprising rowboats, a cruiser, a runabout and a barge, which hovered below the chute, October 5.

"That day, with cameras set up, a stuntman mounted a blind-folded horse which had been led on the chute. As the animal was urged forward by members of the movie crew, its weight automatically tipped the greased chute, plunging rider and horse into the waters below. According to the affidavit, the unfortunate animal hit the water hindmost, came up twice and then sank. The stuntman escaped unhurt.

"A high point in barbarity followed, according to the witnesses. After the horse's body had been recovered with grappling hooks, the saddle was adjusted to another horse, which was put through the same procedure on the chute. In the second instance, the horse missed the greased slide, fell close to the almost perpendicular cliff, breaking off a projecting rock. As before, the stuntman successfully leaped off the saddle, and escaped unhurt. Boatmen lassoed the horse and towed it ashore.

"Mr. Amundsen, managing director of the Humane Society of Missouri, St. Louis, Missouri, when apprised of the facts, obtained affidavits from eyewitnesses to the wanton acts of cruelty."

Dear Reader, won't you please write a personal protest to the Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation, 444 West 56th Street, New York City?

## Boy and Deer

BYRON HERBERT REECE

*Over the white, the frozen ground  
With cautious step the deer came down.*

*The boy, who had come to be  
Alone with cloud and rock and tree,*

*Alone with elemental things  
That gave his timid spirit wings,*

*Suddenly saw the deer and hid  
To see what that proud creature did.*

*But the sharp snapping of a limb  
Made the proud deer aware of him.*

*Kindred two, each watcher stood  
With perfect stillness in the wood,*

*Each seeing each with mild surprise . . .  
And each with wonder in his eyes.*

## A Gift of Cruelty

DON CARTER

A SERVICE club, famed for its work to relieve the suffering of crippled children, recently made a gift of two lion cubs to a northern city in Canada. The city maintained a zoo in one of its parks, and placed the cubs in a small vacant cage. Here they were seen by thousands, and undoubtedly provided much pleasure for children.

Very soon, however, the lions grew to full stature. The zoo had no larger quarters, so the animals remained penned in a box-like den not large enough for dogs. One full pace, and the giant animals would cross the barred front, their eyes ever turned to freedom while the relentless walls hemmed them in. Hundreds of citizens protested to the authorities, but nothing was done.

Winter brought a more critical problem. The climate is severe, and it was necessary to confine the lions to an extremely small heated cage to prevent their catching cold. For six long months they were hidden from the public, giving pleasure to none and existing in keenest misery. Twenty thousand dollars was the estimated cost of a suitable all-weather cage, and the authorities refused to make the expenditure. The service club offered to hold a tag day, but at the last minute decided that all its funds must go towards maintaining its children's hospital.

The city has offered many times to give the lions to anyone who will pay their transportation. Now it is proposed to destroy them, since the obvious suffering of the animals detracts from what little pleasure was to be had watching them. Their usefulness ended, the magnificent creatures are to be shot. It was even proposed by some wretched person that the lions be freed for a lion hunt, for which a large fee would be charged.

It is indeed bitterly ironical to animal lovers to see how an organization devoted to kindness could so thoughtlessly bring extreme misery to helpless animals. A gift to the children of a city was in reality nothing but an act of intense cruelty, all the more shocking when one considers by whom it was done.



THE ANTELOPE IS THE SPEED KING OF THE WESTERN PLAINS

## Speed in the Wilds

W. J. BANKS

THE margin of speed which spells life for the wilderness folk may be dangerously small. It has been estimated that a deer can travel about 25 miles per hour, a gray wolf 22. But for that three-mile advantage, we might have no deer in America today. Similarly a jack-rabbit is able to keep a jump or two ahead of the red fox whose 26 miles-per-hour clip is a little better than the coyote's 24; the latter just eludes, in turn, the stronger gray wolf.

Any loss of running power through injury or old age is likely to prove immediately fatal to the game animal. On the other hand the beast of prey lives only because he is almost as fast as his prospective dinner. Cunning enables him to overcome this handicap upon occasion; when he becomes so slow that he is unable to do so, his own days are numbered.

Reliable data regarding the actual rate of travel of wild animals is rare and hard to obtain. The speeds mentioned above have been accepted as reasonably correct for average animals over a course of a mile or so. Most of them could do much better in a short sprint. And most of them are faster than man, whose best rate of less than 15 miles per hour for the mile stretch is not very impressive. The natural inoffensiveness of animals which might prove dangerous to him is his best defense.

A few North American animals, however, are slower than we are. One is the porcupine, adequately protected from natural foes. He has saved the life of many people

first bound from a standing start. If the killer misses on his first spring, he may give up the chase immediately.

## Sequel to Desertion

ALFRED S. CAMPBELL

Two hundred New Jersey farmers recently staged a "wolf-hunt." For months a pack of wild dogs had been killing their chickens, destroying more than a thousand hens and choice pullets. The dogs had grown bolder of late, and had begun growling savagely when surprised at their kill. It was rumored that they had begun to destroy sheep and calves as well as poultry.

The hunt, held on two successive weekends, resulted in the destruction of the pack, most members of which were police dogs. Examination of the contents of their stomachs disclosed chicken bones and feet, so their guilt was proved.

The sad part of all this is that these dogs, or their parents at least, were once inoffensive pets, driven from their homes by neglect, abuse or desertion. Dogs do not desert homes where they are carefully fed and kindly treated. Left to themselves, most dogs revert to the wild state from necessity. When this happens, a slur is cast upon the breed to which they belong, and the sort of people who don't like dogs anyhow have an opportunity of saying: "There, I always said that dogs were dangerous beasts to have around the house."

The bill to exempt from license fee requirements Seeing Eye dogs, won the approval of the Massachusetts House.

lost in the woods without gun or food. The badger can be overtaken by a man too, but digs himself to safety with amazing speed. Strangely enough the lynx, so agile in the trees, is not very fleet on level ground and has been overtaken by woodsmen.

If these are the slow-pokes among our fauna, the pronghorn antelope has been recognized as the speed king. He is always eager to show off his speed. The antelopes have been tested by motor cars and have maintained a rate of 40 miles per hour for short distances, 32 or more over long stretches. They love to run rings around a mounted man, sometimes passing under the very nose of his mount, just to prove superiority.

"Pickup," which would be the envy of the auto salesman has been perfected by the wild folk. To protect themselves against the sudden spring of the stalker, the deer, antelope and smaller game seem to be able to attain nearly maximum speed with the first bound from a standing start. If the killer misses on his first spring, he may give up the chase immediately.

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# Twenty-fifth Annual Be Kind to Animals Week

## April 17-22, with Humane Sunday, April 23, 1939

### Humane Exercises For Schools

THE new edition of the Humane Exercises, especially prepared by the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. for the use of teachers in Massachusetts on Humane Day in Schools, will consist of eight pages, as usual, but will have two pages of illustrations. It will contain a message to teachers from Mr. Walter F. Downey, newly appointed Commissioner of Education for Massachusetts. There will also be short selections of prose and verse, and various suggestions for a humane program.

These pamphlets will be furnished free to all teachers in elementary grades above the second, in Massachusetts, through the various school superintendents who indicate their willingness to make use of them. Sample copies will be mailed to teachers or to Humane Society officials anywhere, upon request. Those outside of Massachusetts, wishing a quantity, may have them for \$1.50 per 100 copies, about the bare cost of printing and delivery. Last year 4,000 copies of a similar pamphlet, published by us, were circulated in the schools of Chicago, while we sent out more than 8,000 copies to teachers in Massachusetts.

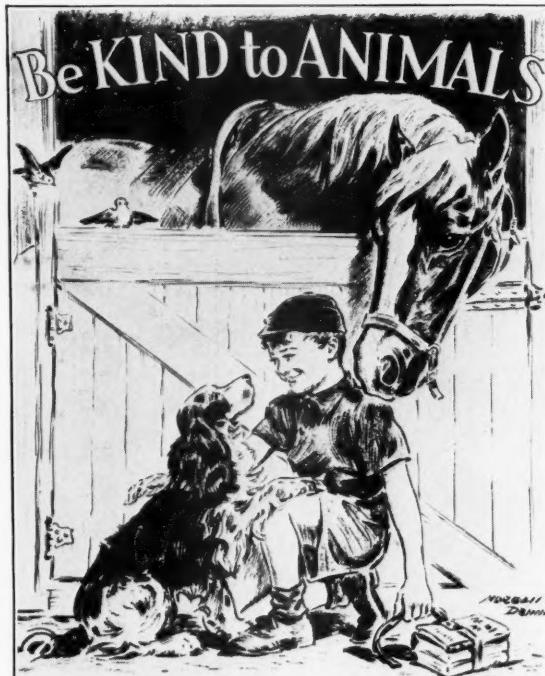
HUMANE DAY IN SCHOOLS is set for Friday, April 21, to bring it within Be Kind to Animals Week, but owing to vacations in the schools of Boston (and some other places) it will be observed there a week earlier, April 14.

### Again Mr. Burgess

So popular have the Humane Sunday lectures by Thornton W. Burgess in the Boston Public Library become that the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. has arranged with Mr. Burgess to appear for the third successive Humane Sunday, at 3:30 P. M., April 23, in the lecture hall of the Library at Copley Square, Boston, (entrance from Boylston Street). His topic this season will be "Friendly Folks along the Trails," and, as formerly, he will use lantern slides and moving pictures. Free to all, but remember that while the doors are open at 2 P. M. they close as soon as the hall is filled, so come early to get a good seat.

### For Humane Sunday

A new 2-page leaflet, with appropriate selections and helps and hints for the observance of the day, will be issued by the American Humane Education Society for Humane Sunday, 1939. Samples free.



AMERICAN HUMANE EDUCATION SOCIETY  
180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, Mass.

### Cash Prizes for Animal Photographs

IN connection with the annual BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK three cash prizes, \$15, \$10, and \$5, and three annual subscriptions to *Our Dumb Animals*, are offered by the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. for the best original photographs (not previously published in any periodical) of animals or birds. Those interested are urged to read carefully the following conditions:

1. No photographs of performing animals, or those showing cruelty to animals, will be considered.
2. The picture may show a single animal or bird, a group of any number of animals or birds, or a combination of animals or birds with one or more persons.
3. No limit as to size, but glossy pictures from about 3 x 4 to 5 x 7 are preferred.
4. The contest is for *photographs only*. No text should be submitted with them, except titles not to exceed fifteen words.
5. All photographs receiving prizes become the exclusive property of *Our Dumb Animals*, and will be published in some future issue.
6. No photographs will be returned unless an envelope of suitable size, with full return postage attached, is enclosed.
7. The contest ends May 15, 1939, and no entries will be considered that are received after that date.
8. Care should be exercised in addressing all photographs intended for the contest, in order that they may be kept separate from photographs that are being offered daily for regular publication in *Our Dumb Animals*. Therefore this address should be used:

PHOTOGRAPH CONTEST EDITOR, *Our Dumb Animals*, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, Mass.

### Striking New Poster For This Year

HERE is the new poster for 1939. It is one of the happiest of all the designs of the noted artist, Morgan Dennis, and should be circulated far and wide in connection with the quarter-century celebration of Be Kind to Animals Week. It is in two colors, size 17 x 22 inches.

Copies with the imprint of the American Humane Education Society, 180 Longwood Avenue, Boston, are for sale at these prices, postpaid: Single, 10 cts., three for 25 cts., eight for 50 cts., twenty for \$1, seventy for \$3, 125 for \$5, and may be ordered from the Society. Orders for larger quantities, however, and all others requiring special imprints, should be sent to the American Humane Association, 135 Washington Avenue, Albany, N. Y.

*Orders should be placed at once to avoid possible disappointment.*

### Prizes for Children

Often children send rhymes to the Editor of *Our Dumb Animals*, requesting that they be published. This can seldom be done as the space is so limited. Here, however, is a chance for boys and girls under 12 years of age to have their verses printed. The American Humane Education Society offers a first prize of \$3 cash, a second prize of \$2 cash, a third prize of \$1 cash, and three additional prizes of a year's subscription to *Our Dumb Animals*, for the best original verse of *not more than four lines*, that has never before been published in any periodical.

We prefer to have the verses type-written, but plain handwriting will be acceptable. There is one imperative condition. The full name and address of each competitor, with a statement of the exact age, must appear at the top of the same sheet of paper upon which the verse is written. Write only one verse on one sheet. Not more than three separate verses may be submitted by any one writer. Do not enclose return postage as no manuscripts will be returned.

The verses winning prizes will be printed in future issues of *Our Dumb Animals*. The contest closes June 1, 1939, after which no entries will be considered. Address all verses to

VERSE EDITOR  
*Our Dumb Animals*  
180 Longwood Ave.  
Boston, Mass.

## My First Robin

NETTIE RAMSEY

*Out over my garden, so dreary and brown;  
A myriad snowflakes came tumbling down;  
Like swift marching soldiers in order they  
flew,  
Until the drab picture was hidden from  
view.*

*"O I am so tired of snowstorms," said I,  
Watching the hurrying flakes flutter by,  
"I wish spring would hasten with sunshine  
and showers;  
I long for the song birds, I'm hungry for  
flowers!"*

*Then, sweeping the white drift outside of  
my door,  
As through the long winter I'd oft done  
before;  
Lo! came a glad greeting, the sweetest I  
know,—  
"My first robin," singing away in the snow!*

*High up in the top of my big maple tree  
He twittered and warbled his gay melody;  
And calling: "Dear Robby, I'm SO glad  
you're here  
Again, with your message of joy and good  
cheer,"*

*The thought came, how childish, how foolish  
am I  
To give way to sadness, or utter one sigh  
Because skies are cloudy, and chill March  
winds blow;  
And joining my robin, I sang in the snow!*

## Guests

LALIA MITCHELL THORNTON

*The fields lie white as far as eye can see,  
And almost I can think it must be bloom  
Of some strange plant that only lacks  
perfume,  
Rather than snow, for in my dooryard tree  
Where I have filled a shallow pan with  
seeds  
And strung a suet necklace, there are wings  
Of many kinds, even a brown thrush sings  
A little song, since I have met its needs  
Of food and water. Diverse guests I know  
Sparrows and snowbirds, grackles, and a  
wren;  
Some come but once, and some return  
again,  
Since birds remember best when cold winds  
blow.  
I have known winters that were far too  
long,  
But now St. Francis blesses every hour  
And snow is lovelier than any flower,  
These chirpings sweeter than a summer  
song.  
A dish of crumbs, I might have thrown  
away,  
A little grain, the time I did not need  
And I have learned how good it is to feed  
The cold and hungry on a snowy day.*

*The birds that lay eggs on the ground  
always lay more of them than do those  
higher up, since they are more subject to  
destruction down low. And these ground  
birds usually lay speckled or yellowish eggs,  
the better to be camouflaged in the grass.*



© Cole

## "I Wanna Worm"

BRUCE COLE

THIS baby rose-breasted grosbeak, making his first excursion from the nest, willingly posed for the photographer when he was promised a fat, juicy worm.

Completely unafraid and eager to earn his pay as a model, he persisted in hopping closer each time the cameraman had the focus just about adjusted. The photographer would then retreat a step or two, or else start refocusing, only to have the same thing happen again before the shutter could be snapped.

Patience and the cameraman finally won out, although the baby grosbeak was only twelve inches from the lens when this picture was taken, and a moment later he hopped forward once more.

His twin brother, more wary of human beings, refused to be cajoled within picture-taking distance, and whenever the photographer would approach he'd hop in the opposite direction. Since they looked exactly alike, it makes little difference, except that a picture of "Hungry" and "Wary" together would have been more interesting.

## Food for Winter Birds

That a steady diet of bread crumbs for the birds that remain North during the cold weather is deleterious to them and liable to produce the disease of "polyneuritis" is the information given by Dr. Gerry B. Schnelle of the staff of the Angell Animal Hospital. "It is a common illness among these birds," he states, "and is caused by a deficiency of vitamin B. Rather than brushing off the table cloth and tossing the crumbs out of the window for the birds, those folks who really wish to help would do far better if they tossed out the small, left-over pieces of meat and fish. Dried corn or grain of any kind is equally good."

## Inviting Birds to Stay

FERN BERRY

If you live on a farm or have farmer relatives or friends you will be able to give your bird friends a real treat during the latter part of the winter, in February or March, when ice or cold rains and snow cover the few remaining patches of weeds, by taking baskets or sacks and placing chaff from the barn floor or hay loft in them. This chaff should be scattered near the places where the birds are used to feeding. How they do revel in scratching among the loose chaff for the abundance of seeds and a bit of green, dried clover, too!

Save all of the old yarn from socks and caps which have become worn out. Sweaters yield much yarn. Unravel this and place it between an old fashioned toaster, if you have one. Hang it out in the yard in early spring and you will be pleased with the happiness it gives to the birds who are seeking nest-building material. They will take every shred of the yarn, which should be in short lengths.

One farmer always trims off the long ragged hair from his horses' manes in the fall. This hair is carefully saved and placed in a box where the birds carry it off for nest building.

Another bird lover, when on trips with her little son, gathered the seed pods of milkweed or cattail, placed them in an empty flour sack and hung them in the garage. In the spring they were placed outside, dry and fluffy for the birds to use in lining their nests. Birds will, of course, search for and find nesting material, but they will be quite likely to build near by if you help them out a bit—and besides, it is such fun, giving the children worthwhile lessons.

## Feeding Dogs

The dog is not expected by nature to masticate his food. It is what we term "bolted" and enters the stomach in large pieces. Food must, therefore, remain in the stomach of the dog for a much longer period than in animals which masticate their food in the mouth before it enters the stomach. It is a known fact that the same food eaten by a dog takes twice as long to undergo stomach digestion as it does in man. Overfeeding is unquestionably the cause of much sickness and disease in dogs. Twice a day is often enough to feed a mature, healthy dog. A light meal for the morning feeding should consist of milk or milk and stale whole wheat bread or shredded wheat. The evening meal should consist of raw or cooked beef or lamb. Liver and kidney may be fed occasionally, always raw. Cooking destroys their value and makes them hard to digest.

Cooked leafy vegetables, such as spinach, cabbage and lettuce, may be mixed with the meat. Such fibrous vegetables as carrots, beets and string beans should always be thoroughly cooked and crushed. Never feed them to a dog with a sensitive stomach, as at best they are hard to digest. Such starchy foods as mashed potatoes, rice and white bread may be fed sparingly unless obesity or eczema develops; then they must be discontinued entirely.



MORE THAN 25,000 DOGS WERE TREATED IN 1938 IN THE TWO DISPENSARIES OF THE MASSACHUSETTS S. P. C. A. AND MORE THAN 8,000 ADDITIONAL IN ITS TWO ANIMAL HOSPITALS

## Unusual Facts About Cats

EDWIN BROOKS

THERE are only seven tortoise-shell tom-cats in England, and it is stated that during the past thirty-six years only twenty-one male tortoise-shell kittens have been born. There are plenty of female tortoise-shell cats, but hardly any male ones. It is a mystery of Nature which has never been fathomed.

Broderip, an authority on cats, writing so long ago as 1847, speaks of the rarity of tortoise-shell toms, and says that in 1817 one was exhibited in Piccadilly and was priced at a hundred guineas—and guineas were gold in those days!

The domestic cat comes in almost every possible color. Perhaps the most beautiful of all is the snow-white Persian with turquoise blue eyes, but these—like white bull terriers—are very often deaf! Then we have blue Persians and some the color of smoke. Another Persian is chinchilla, an exquisite shade of gray, and there are cats of this variety with silver coats.

The Siamese cat, which has a crooked tail and curiously deep voice, is fawn or dark brown or chocolate, and has wonderful blue eyes.

At one of the great cat shows at the Crystal Palace in London, one may see dark blue cats which came originally from Russia, yellow cats, and some which are almost the color of a ripe orange.

In the Middle Ages cats were rare. In the tenth century they were protected by law and their prices fixed by Government. A kitten was worth a silver penny, but after it had caught its first mouse its price was fourpence.

In those days a black cat was thought more of than one of any other color.

## Dogs Versus Cats

JOHN P. DINNENY

ANY of us take for granted the seemingly natural enmity existing between cats and dogs. It is part of their heredity, we say, something deeply bedrocked in the fundamental make-up of their natures and implanted therein eons ago in the dim geologic past.

It has occurred to me, however, that we ourselves are responsible in some measure. We often hear people say, "I do love dogs but I hate cats," or vice versa. Thus we have a clash in human personality, between the dog-lover and the cat-lover. Social pressure usually tends to keep these indifferences submerged, and apparently all is well on the surface. But if you are a dog-lover your dog will instinctively and actively reflect your own dislike of cats. He loves you, therefore he must hate cats. So it will be, too, with the cat and its owner. Those of us who have successfully housed both together in a peaceful and congenial atmosphere are people who love Rover and Grimalkin equally. Alas! they are too few.

One further suggestion as to the human basis for cat-dog antipathy. It is also concerned with individual differences in people. Cat-lovers, you will note, are generally the quiet type, persons who are prone to thought and meditation. The cat's quiet, undemonstrative affection, no less deep for all that, appeals to them as more in harmony with their own personality. On the other hand the devoted dog-lover will be found to be the more physically active type, less inclined to thinking or meditating. Thus the dog, noisy and demonstrative in his display of affection, will make his own particular appeal to persons so constituted. Those people who have a great love for both cats and dogs will invariably be found to be a combination of the meditative and active natures.

So it may be said that cats and dogs in disliking each other are merely giving active expression to the innate, though submerged, antagonisms of their owners. If we all develop an impartial love for both, then it may happen that these two most comforting friends of man may bury their hatchet of hate and mistrust.

EDITOR'S NOTE: You may, or may not, agree with the above.

An uninvited guest was reported at the canary show held in San Jose recently. The guest? A gray and white tiger cat, which wandered unconcernedly about, politely eyeing the 200 free lunches in cages which were so proudly exhibited by their owners. So entirely unconcerned was Tabby that she found a comfortable place under some of the cages and curled up and went to sleep!

—Our Animals

A horse mows the grass with his front teeth. His grinders are back of these sharp front teeth and, like millstones, grind his corn into meal. The carnivores, however, have knives instead of grinders. They seize their prey with their front teeth, and hold it with them. The saber-toothed tiger of ancient time, had two sharp front teeth that were hollow, through which he sucked the blood of his victim.

## Comrades

J. E. ELLIOTT

You met my gaze, your brown eyes laughed;  
I met your glance, and smiled at you,  
As if a friendly cup we quaffed.  
A world of wondrous things to do!

That day in spring we shared our joy,  
Two merry comrades at our play.  
No touch of sadness to annoy  
Or worry us that joyous day.

When we returned at eventime,  
My hand was resting on your head;  
You licked my hand in pantomime,  
And turned away to kennel bed.

## Books on Dogs

WE have just received from the College of William and Mary, in Virginia, a very handsomely prepared bulletin of 131 pages, giving a list of 1,993 titles and 2,300 volumes on dogs, a collection presented to the library of William and Mary by Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Chapin of Providence, Rhode Island, who had undertaken the collection of these books as an appropriate and unique memorial. They had spent many years in locating the titles in English, French, Dutch, Danish, German, Swedish, Spanish, Italian, Latin and Greek languages. The bulletin says, "No more suitable region than the Old Dominion could have been selected to receive the gift of this library."

While civilization has now so largely deprived us of the horse as an object of affection, we hope it will leave us the dog, our faithful and loyal companion.

Lizards sometimes have long tails which they can shed at will when pursued. These tails, continuing to twist and squirm after their owners have departed, so challenge the interest of the pursuer he loses sight of the lizard itself, which makes its escape.



WEIGHED BUT NOT FOUND WANTING

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AGENTS, to take orders for *Our Dumb Animals*, are wanted everywhere. Liberal commissions are offered.

EDITORS of all periodicals who receive this publication this month are invited to reprint any of the articles with or without credit.

MANUSCRIPTS relating to animals, particularly prose articles of about three hundred words, are solicited. We do not wish to consider prose manuscripts longer than 800 words nor verse in excess of thirty-two lines. The shorter the better. All manuscripts should be typewritten and an *addressed envelope* with *full return postage* enclosed with each offering.

## Film Censorship

**I**N England, we learn, there is a Board of English Film Censors. Sometime ago representatives of both the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the University of London Animal Welfare Society were asked to serve on an Advisory Committee on animal films. Of course the request was gladly accepted. It seemed to promise a better day for films in which use was made of animals. At last it was discovered that certain films were being exhibited in which animals were used and no notice given to this Advisory Committee. The result has been that these two organizations have withdrawn from the Board of British Film Censors.

The protests pouring into the Twentieth Century Fox Studios, Inc., against the inhuman cruelties to horses, evident in the film entitled "Jesse James," may ultimately lead some of these moving-picture companies to ask for one or two humane people on their Board of Censors.

## The Hit-and-run Driver

How any automobilist can kill or injure any sort of animal on the highway and hurry on without stopping to see what he has done, it is quite impossible for the ordinary person to understand. We are glad to quote from an editorial recently appearing in the *Springfield (Massachusetts) Union*:

Happily the Supreme Court of Massachusetts holds that a licensed dog has the right of way on the highway, and that the motorist must respect it. Happily, also, from the humanitarian point of view, Frank A. Goodwin, Registrar, is sympathetic with this view, and suspended for ten days the driving license of a man who had, according to testimony of eyewitnesses, disregarded the rights of a dog and had driven over it, death resulting for the unfortunate creature.

We are glad to say that the Exeter Street Theater, in Boston, acknowledging our letter, writes us that they will not only not show the film of "Jesse James," but have written a protest to the Film Company.

## Our State Branches

### III. Northampton

A BRANCH of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was organized at a gathering held in Northampton, Massachusetts, in 1937, brought about through the interest and support of Miss Eunice Barrows. Mrs. E. W. Clarke was chosen as the first president.



MRS. F. E. DOW

The following year Mrs. Frank E. Dow was unanimously elected president, with Miss Jane Bigelow as treasurer.

Due to the splendid work of Mrs. Dow, this Branch has been able to open a shelter for stray animals, meeting this expense with funds raised on tag days and at the annual bridge parties.

Through the co-operation of the *Northampton Gazette* the Branch has been able to bring before the public the fact that stray animals and accident cases would be given immediate attention.

## Is the Elephant Liable to Disappear?

From the Twelfth Annual Report of the Animal Year Book, published by the University of London Animal Welfare Society, we learn that in the Belgian Congo alone, in spite of the recent decline in the international trade in ivory, the Ministry of Colonies estimates that between 20,000 and 25,000 elephants are killed each year. In a land like ours where the elephant is so rarely seen, it is hard to believe that such an extraordinary number of these great creatures are sacrificed every year in the ivory trade.

Already the mountain zebras are practically exterminated, and the Cape buffalo, once extremely common, is now rarely found south of the Zambezi.

## THE MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Founded by Geo. T. Angell. Incorporated March, 1868  
See Page 45 for complete list of officers.

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## MONTHLY REPORT OF SOCIETY AND BRANCHES

Miles traveled by humane officers.....	16,704
Cases investigated .....	381
Animals examined .....	2,428
Animals placed in homes.....	179
Lost animals restored to owners.....	70
Number of prosecutions.....	5
Number of convictions .....	5
Horses taken from work.....	3
Horses humanely put to sleep.....	54
Small animals humanely put to sleep .....	1,345
Stock-yards and Abattoirs	
Animals inspected.....	61,146
Cattle, swine and sheep humanely put to sleep.....	48

## Still Good Enough

Ascum—I see there's some talk of having the people vote at the next election upon the question of abolishing capital punishment. Would you vote to abolish it?

Fogie—No, sir; capital punishment was good enough for my ancestors, and it's good enough for me. —The Messenger

Payment of \$35 for a kennel or \$75 for a stall in the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, will insure a suitable marker inscribed with donor's name. Terms of permanent endowment of free stalls and kennels given upon application.

# Seventy-first Annual Report of the President

For the Year Ending December 31, 1938

## I

### The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

**T**HERE is very little that the President can tell the members of our two Societies or the readers of our magazine that has not already appeared in the columns of the magazine itself, because month by month the work of the two organizations is recorded, and about all that is left for the Annual Report is to gather the facts and figures together in as brief a summary as possible.

#### Still Moving Forward

Two important things were done during the past year in the way of enlarging the work of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. For years there had been a demand for something in the way of a shelter in the region of the State known as the North Shore, a section including Essex County. To be sure we had had an officer with headquarters in Lynn, but Lynn was too far away from the center of the section that he had to represent. Finally a very attractive new house with plenty of land was found in the town of Wenham, and there, after the purchase of the property, a new Shelter was built where lost and stray animals could be brought or cared for when sent for by the officer until their owners were found, or homes found for them, or, if they were not wanted, where they could be humanely put to sleep. The expense involved in the purchase of this property and the building of the Shelter amounted, in round numbers, to \$8,575.

In Attleboro, where two or three years ago we established a greatly needed Shelter, there was added in the latter part of 1938 a Clinic; arrangements being made to have one of the veterinarians of the Angell Memorial Hospital present one afternoon each week and one evening each week for the special benefit of those particularly unable to secure regular veterinarian service. The establishment of the Clinic was at the request of a generous group of Attleboro people, and its patronage has warranted the experiment. The average number of dispensary cases brought to it has been 11 daily. The cost involved in this was approximately \$1,304.

#### Extensive Repairs

The Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, which contains also all the various offices for the clerical, mailing and other work of the two Societies, was dedicated in 1915. The building, splendidly built, has stood the wear and tear of twenty-three years remarkably well, but the time came during 1938 when a good many thousand dollars had to be spent in repairs and in bringing it, particularly the Hospital sections, up to modern standards in order that the Hospital itself might fall behind in no way the latest and most modern institutions of that

sort. An expense of \$6,132.89 was involved, and the interior of the buildings looks as fresh and bright today as when it was new, and very much has been added to the equipment in the Hospital and facilities for its very best work.

#### Merging with the Berkshire Animal Rescue League

After many years of excellent service in the western part of the State, the Berkshire Animal Rescue League, with headquarters in Dalton, deemed it wise to turn its work over to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. This was arranged for in a very amicable and satisfactory way by the Directors of the League, and a Trust Fund of \$4,023.08 was turned over to the Society, the interest to be used for a special purpose in Berkshire County; and \$1,760.38 in cash. This merger, of course, has saved considerable overhead expense and duplication of work and has proved to be a very wise and helpful arrangement.

#### The Society's Two Hospitals

During 1938 at our two Hospitals—the one in Boston and the one in Springfield—49,669 animals were treated in the dispensary, operations were performed to the number of 13,177, and animals cared for in the Hospital numbered 12,809. These figures divided, show the work for each Hospital—that is, 41,528 for Boston and 8,141 for Springfield.

The expenses of the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital at Boston for 1938 exceeded receipts by \$45,042.31. Expenses of the Springfield Hospital for 1938 exceeded receipts by \$7,406.23. Free work and unpaid service rendered, account for the deficit

in both instances.

#### Summary

Cases in Hospital since opened March 1, 1915 .....	167,342
Cases in Dispensary since March 1, 1915 .....	416,349
Total .....	583,691

Hospitalization work for animals in this country and even in other countries is steadily increasing. We shall spare no pains to keep the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital abreast of the latest and best equipment and facilities that are approved by the leading veterinarians of the country.

The following figures represent the work done by all the officers of the Society, including those with headquarters in Boston and those in other cities throughout the State:

Complaints investigated .....	5,097
Prosecutions .....	35
Convictions .....	29
Animals inspected .....	64,808
Miles traveled .....	209,420
Horses injured or unfit for service, humanely put to sleep .....	679
Horses taken from work .....	118
Small animals, injured, diseased or unwanted, humanely put to sleep .....	24,468
Animals placed in homes .....	2,361
Animals returned to owners .....	778
Ambulance calls .....	9,826
Animals inspected at stock-yards .....	692,253
Service rendered to horses at sum- mer watering stations .....	8,113
Ambulance mileage—Boston .....	22,926

The following are reports from cities and towns outside of Boston:



TWO OF MANY WHOSE LONG JOURNEY WE HAVE  
HUMANELY ENDED

**Methuen**

It was in the spring of 1917 that the beautiful farm of 155 acres in Methuen, known as the Nevins Farm, was given to the Society as a Rest Farm for Horses and for a Shelter for small animals. The Superintendent of this Farm has also acted as one of the prosecuting officers of the Society, answering complaints and making investigations wherever required. Soon after the Farm came into the Society's hands a Shelter was built and its work is so much in demand that one wonders what was ever done for unwanted and small and injured animals in that section of the State before the Methuen Shelter came into existence. The report of the cases and of the relief work appears below. The average number of horses taken care of during the year at the Farm was 28.

<b>1. CASES</b>		<b>Number</b>
Complaints received (investigated)		97
<b>2. ANIMALS INSPECTED</b>		
On investigations only		13,752
<b>3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK</b>		
Ambulance trips		1,726
Small Animals (returned to owners)		54
(placed in homes)		200
(humanely put to sleep)		3,567
Horses (taken from work)		5
(humanely put to sleep)		74
Mileage		13,459

**The Cemetery**

The graves at Hillside Acre, the Society's Cemetery at Methuen, now number 1,050. The Cemetery has been carefully looked after and has attracted to itself many hundreds of people. It has sought particularly to minister to those unable to spend any large amount of money for a place in which they could bury their family pets.

**PITTSFIELD**

<b>1. CASES</b>		<b>Number</b>
Complaints received (investigated)		201
<b>2. ANIMALS INSPECTED</b>		
On investigations only		4,729
<b>3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK</b>		
Ambulance trips		2,105
Small Animals (returned to owners)		51
(placed in homes)		312
(humanely put to sleep)		2,884
Horses (taken from work)		3
(humanely put to sleep)		5
4. Prosecutions.. 4 Convictions		3
Mileage		20,293

**SPRINGFIELD (OFFICER)**

<b>1. CASES</b>		<b>Number</b>
Complaints received (investigated)		966
<b>2. ANIMALS INSPECTED</b>		
On investigations only		4,878
At Stock-yards		759
Abattoirs		21,769
Auctions		581
Total		27,987
<b>3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK</b>		
Small Animals (humanely put to sleep)		18
Horses (taken from work)		11
(humanely put to sleep)		16
4. Prosecutions.. 5 Convictions		4
Mileage		22,578

**SPRINGFIELD (HOSPITAL)**

<b>3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK</b>		<b>Number</b>
Ambulance trips		1,984
Small Animals (returned to owners)		309
(placed in homes)		913
(humanely put to sleep)		5,675
4. Mileage		8,230

**ATTLEBORO**

<b>1. CASES</b>		<b>Number</b>
Complaints received (investigated)		217
<b>2. ANIMALS INSPECTED</b>		
On investigations only		4,189
Abattoirs		371
Total		4,560
<b>3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK</b>		
Ambulance trips		412
Small Animals (returned to owners)		38
(placed in homes)		89
(humanely put to sleep)		767
Horses (taken from work)		17
(humanely put to sleep)		20
4. Prosecutions.. 4 Convictions		4
Mileage		30,017

**HYANNIS**

<b>1. CASES</b>		<b>Number</b>
Complaints received (investigated)		1,044
<b>2. ANIMALS INSPECTED</b>		
On investigations only		1,680
<b>3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK</b>		
Ambulance trips		595
Small Animals (returned to owners)		24
(placed in homes)		11
(humanely put to sleep)		1,063
Horse (taken from work)		1
(humanely put to sleep)		5
4. Prosecution.. 1 Conviction		1
Mileage		33,354

**WENHAM**

<b>1. CASES</b>		<b>Number</b>
Complaints received (investigated)		225
<b>2. ANIMALS INSPECTED</b>		
On investigations only		8,737
Auctions		3,663
Total		12,400
<b>3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK</b>		
Ambulance trips		195
Small Animal (returned to owner)		1
(placed in homes)		27
(humanely put to sleep)		292
Horses (taken from work)		13
(humanely put to sleep)		136
4. Prosecutions.. 5 Convictions		3
Mileage		20,104

**WORCESTER**

<b>1. CASES</b>		<b>Number</b>
Complaints received (investigated)		463
<b>2. ANIMALS INSPECTED</b>		
On investigations only		4,163
Abattoirs		478
R. R. yards		1,021
Auctions		605
Total		6,267
<b>3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK</b>		
Small Animal (returned to owner)		1
(placed in homes)		29
(humanely put to sleep)		29

Horses (taken from work)	27
(humanely put to sleep)	16
4. Prosecutions.. 9 Convictions	7
Mileage	11,707

**TAUNTON**

<b>3. ANIMAL RELIEF WORK</b>	
Small Animals (returned to owners)	73
(placed in homes)	25
(humanely put to sleep)	834
Horse (humanely put to sleep)	1

**Other Local Agents**

In addition to the above branch offices, the Society has special local agents, to whom complaints may be made relative to any cases of cruelty to animals or injured animals, as follows: W. J. Callahan, Athol; E. D. Mosher, Fitchburg; Dr. E. Erskine Harvey, Greenfield; Wells C. Smith, Haverhill; and Arthur P. Reed, Peabody.

**Women's Auxiliary**

No report for the year would be complete without recognizing the splendid work done by the Women's Auxiliary under the enthusiastic and efficient leadership of its president, Mrs. Edith Washburn Clarke. Through its annual bazaar and its various other activities, the purchase of greatly needed equipment and supplies for the Hospital has been made possible.

In connection with her work as chairman of the Boston Auxiliary and organizer of other Auxiliaries throughout the state, Mrs. Clarke organized a new Auxiliary in Great Barrington, visited Pittsfield several times in the interest of organizing a branch there; also made many trips to Northampton where a branch had been formerly established; attended meetings of the Winchester and Springfield Auxiliaries, and planned for the organizing of an Auxiliary in Attleboro.

We regret exceedingly that we have been compelled to go to press before receiving a report for last year from the president of the Springfield Women's Auxiliary which has done so much for the Society in that city, and has stood so loyally and nobly back of the Springfield Hospital. We doubt not that the illness of its president, Mrs. Donald C. Kibbe, accounts for the failure of the annual report to reach us in time.

In 1938, the Winchester Auxiliary held regular monthly meetings at the homes of members at which many articles for use in the Hospital clinic were prepared. An intensive campaign soliciting funds for a Shelter was conducted, and toward the same end, two food sales were held, and later on, a more inclusive Fair. On April 30, Dr. Rowley, Mrs. Edith W. Clarke, and Guy Richardson spoke at exercises which officially opened the permanent Shelter at 432 Washington Street. The Auxiliary is extremely fortunate in having Mr. Arthur Bryer and his mother, Mrs. Horatio Bryer, in charge of the Shelter. To date they have cared for 200 dogs and 67 cats. The Auxiliary now has 64 members and enthusiasm is steadily mounting for the work it is accomplishing.

The Taunton branch, under the devoted direction of Mrs. Howard F. Woodward, has rendered an excellent service and met an actual need in that community.

## II

## The American Humane Education Society

MARCH 19, 1939, will be a red-letter day in the history of humane work not only in the United States but throughout the world. That date will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation by the Massachusetts Legislature of The American Humane Education Society. For twenty years its founder, George Thorndike Angell, survived to steer its activities and to carry its message into every state and into practically every civilized foreign land for, despite its name, the Society has ever been international in its work and in its influence.

In the thirty years since Mr. Angell left this favorite organization of his to the care of others, its scope has expanded, the number of its paid employees and voluntary workers has been greatly increased, and its mission to "glorify God" by promoting "peace on earth, kindness, justice and mercy to every living creature" has been carried on through well-directed and enthusiastic efforts which have brought really wonderful results. As proof of this rather sweeping statement, one has only to read the annual reports as they have been compiled and published, now for fifty years, in *Our Dumb Animals*. Following we present a summary, necessarily incomplete, of the work of the last year of this half century of humane service.

## Thirteen Field Workers

Thirteen field workers, the most of them giving their entire time, were employed by the Society to sow the seed of humane education from Maine to California.

For about six months of the year Miss Lucia F. Gilbert engaged in strenuous work in the schools of Maine, where she won enthusiastic praise from the Commissioner of Education. She gave 465 talks in 326 schools, the most of them in rural districts, and organized 584 Bands of Mercy with nearly 20,000 members. She circulated about 5,000 pieces of literature, had 15 hu-

mane articles printed in newspapers, placed window displays in ten towns, and spoke before several Granges and church groups.

Miss Maryott gave 171 talks, usually illustrated with lantern slides, in schools representing 18 cities and towns in Massachusetts. About 40,000 children listened to these addresses, with the result that more than 1,000 Bands of Mercy were organized.

## Humane Education Bureau

As chairman of the Humane Education Bureau, Mrs. Edith Washburn Clarke attended the Annual Federation Meeting of Massachusetts Women's Clubs in Swampscott with a display of posters, leaflets and cards; made nine radio broadcasts, two outside of the state; attended eleven Parent-Teacher Association board meetings, one Parent-Teacher conference in Amherst and one in Greenfield. Also spoke in three schools for Parent-Teacher Association, attended 122 club meetings, gave 78 talks at schools and clubs, sent out 11,042 press leaflets and cards.

## In Pittsburgh and Chicago

Dr. Wentzel, with headquarters in Pittsburgh, reached 2,100 teachers either in Institute Lectures or in promoting Band of Mercy activities, organized more than 500 Bands, and circulated 300,000 pieces of humane literature. He gave addresses at 35 churches, 22 clubs, 14 Parent-Teacher groups, and several colleges and conventions. His message was heard by a total of 39,000 children and adults.

Mrs. Toomim's talks in the schools of Chicago averaged one for every day of the calendar year. They were given in 120 schools where more than 2,000 adults and 83,000 pupils were reached. No less than 2,166 Bands of Mercy were reported. Mrs. Toomim held 400 interviews relating to school work. She was responsible for a notable Be Kind to Animals Week observance, including a Proclamation by the Gov-

ernor of Illinois, radio addresses by distinguished citizens, and notable press publicity. Prizes were given for the best stories, playlets and poems in a widely-advertised school contest, and 4,000 copies of "Humane Exercises" were distributed in the schools, these and the 68 prizes being contributed by the Illinois Humane Society.

Because of its close association with our work, a brief notice of the Chicago Humane Education Society, of which Mrs. E. C. Dow is the president, seems appropriate here. The Society constantly watches conditions and seeks improvement in the dog pounds both in Chicago and in Oak Park. It has placed throughout the city 81 galvanized iron troughs, lettered "Water Your Dog—Chicago Humane Education Society." It has obtained ordinances regulating the use of toy guns, sent out rules for the care of poultry, and protested to stores against the sale of Easter bunnies and chicks.

## In Virginia and South Carolina

Mr. Lemon traveled more than 12,000 miles in carrying the humane message to Negro audiences in the rural districts of Virginia. He gave 45 sermons and addresses in churches and colleges, and 245 talks in schools, before audiences aggregating more than 30,000 persons. Nearly 400 Bands were formed.

Mr. Carroll, operating from Columbia, South Carolina, journeyed more than 20,000 miles to visit 356 schools and to deliver a hundred addresses to adult Negro audiences in five states. On these tours he was often accompanied by county supervisors. He distributed 10,000 pieces of literature, formed 300 Bands of Mercy, and reached more than 80,000 persons, half of whom were children. He displayed exhibits at teachers' conventions and at the State Fair. He gave courses of lectures at 11 summer schools. The Governor of South Carolina issued a Proclamation for Be Kind to Animals Week, the widely observed celebration of which was greatly aided by Mr. Carroll's

## Financial Report

From the Treasurer's office we have the following figures:

Total receipts from income from the Trustees of Permanent Funds, and also other sources, save bequests .....	\$317,050.10
Expenses .....	319,488.82 (not including depreciation)
In addition, unusual expenses such as purchase of real estate connected with the Shelters at Attleboro, Wenham, replacement of automobiles and ambulance .....	18,819.20
Total expenses .....	338,308.02
This makes a deficit of .....	21,257.92

This deficit was taken care of by bequests which were not limited to income only.

FRANCIS H. ROWLEY, President

## REPORT OF CHIEF OFFICER

The statistical summary of the work of the Society's humane officers during the past year will be noted above.

The number of inspections and investigations shows an increase in reference to small animals. Prosecutions for the violation of the anti-cruelty laws have been made only in flagrant cases, and when corrective influences failed to accomplish immediate results. Cognizance has been taken of the prevailing conditions affecting humankind toward whom the "quality of mercy" has been many times shown, as it must be. The measure of our work is determined by its educational, advisory and preventive results and not by the actual number of its prosecutions for cruelty.

Among the thirty-five cases in which court action was indicated were the following. Shooting a neighbor's horse resulted in \$15 fine. A sick horse was denied all treatment and the owner paid \$10. Similar

fines were imposed for selling unfit horses and the working of those with gall-sores or lameness. Having his dog's ears trimmed cost the owner \$50. A dog suffered injuries by a hit-and-run driver; the motorist paid \$15. There were other convictions in which dogs were involved, such as shooting and underfeeding. For cruelly shooting a hog the fine was \$50. For not sheltering hogs the owner paid \$10. There were convictions for shooting cats with air-guns, for underfeeding cattle. In one case hens were found to be underfed; the fine was \$50, payment suspended.

Our humane officers have invariably adhered to the principle that it is better to convert men from cruelty than to convict them in the courts, and that the test of a Society's usefulness is not the number of its prosecutions, but the number of acts of cruelty it is able to prevent.

L. WILLARD WALKER, Chief Officer

efforts in securing radio broadcasts, official appeals to teachers, and an unusual amount of publicity in newspapers and magazines.

#### In Georgia and Tennessee

Mrs. Weathersbee had a year of unusual activities in Georgia. Outstanding was the Be Kind to Animals Week program which, with the Governor's Proclamation and radio, press and church co-operation, carried humane education to its highest achievement in that state. During the year upwards of 50,000 children became identified with the 1,190 Bands of Mercy that were organized. Mrs. Weathersbee gave 21 talks and distributed literature to 2,777 teachers, and visited five summer schools. She also gave addresses before three Federations of Women's Clubs, promoted two humane education forums, and altogether visited 82 cities and towns. As State Chairman of Humane Education for the Parent-Teacher Association she was successful in preventing the Texas Rangers' Rodeo from showing in Georgia.

Mr. Burton works in close co-operation with the Parent-Teacher Associations, county superintendents of public instruction and church groups in rural Tennessee. Within the year his travels amounted to 17,500 miles. He made 253 addresses, reaching about 30,000 persons, of whom 18,000 were children, and visited nearly 200 schools. His talks were given before Parent-Teacher groups, Sunday-school conventions, meetings of public school teachers, church and Bible school gatherings, and interracial conferences.

#### Two Workers in Florida

Rev. R. E. Griffith makes use of a loud speaker from his car as he travels about in Florida. He places humane literature in libraries, convict and C C C camps, police and fire stations. He visited 69 schools where he organized more than 500 Bands of Mercy with 17,000 members. He also reached more than 14,000 adults. He has received enthusiastic commendation from prominent school officials as to the fine results of his work in the schools, one of them writing, "There is much more consideration for animals."

Miss Louise H. Guyol, a former full-time worker of the Society, gave 16 humane talks in various schools and colleges in Palm Beach and West Palm Beach in the spring. Some of these were in colored schools and before audiences of Negro teachers. Many poems and compositions on kindness to animals were written in these schools.

#### Thousands Reached in Texas

More than 50,000 persons, in 76 cities and towns, heard the humane message from Rev. F. Rivers Barnwell, in charge of work among Negroes, with headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas. He traveled nearly 14,000 miles, and delivered 133 talks in schools and 129 addresses and sermons before adults. More than 38,000 school children were reached. He showed the film, "The Bell of Atri," before the State Teachers' Association, and altogether addressed 61 religious, educational, civic and social gatherings. He distributed 6,600 pieces of literature and secured the publication of 50 humane articles in the press.

#### On the Pacific Coast

From Palo Alto, California, Mrs. Park conducts the Western Press Bureau, having a mailing list of 600 periodicals and individuals. To these regular press slips are sent, with excellent results. Several press syndicates make use of this service. In addition, Mrs. Park sends out a wide correspondence and circulates quantities of literature, some to foreign countries.

Mrs. Jennie R. Nichols carried on correspondence with her various state chairmen for six months, although not so active as usual because of illness, which proved to be fatal in September. By arrangement, Mrs. John W. Hyslop and Miss Frances S. Hays took over her work at the National Parent-Teacher Convention, at Salt Lake City in May. Mrs. Nichols had represented our Society in the Northwest for 25 years. Due to her untiring efforts the American Humane Education Society became affiliated with the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, of which she served as national chairman of humane education. Miss Marie French of St. Joseph, Missouri, was appointed temporarily to succeed Mrs. Nichols in this office.

#### Unusual Number of New Bands

As indicated in the preceding paragraphs an unusually large number of Bands of Mercy, or Junior Humane Leagues, were organized in 1938. While the most of these were the result of the activities of our regular field representatives, yet many of them came from interested volunteer workers. The 8,615 new Bands represent 21 states, the Philippines, Newfoundland, British West Indies, Lebanon, Syria, India and Ceylon. Since the beginning, in 1882, the total number of Bands organized and reported to us is 236,753.

#### 40,000 New Jack London Club Members

Membership in the Jack London Club, organized to protest against cruelty to animals used for stage or screen performances, continues to show a lively growth. Nearly 40,000 new members during the year have increased the total enrolment to 736,482.

#### Our Two Humane Films

The Society's films, "The Bell of Atri," and "In Behalf of Animals," continue to be in steady demand, especially around Be Kind to Animals Week. There were about 30 rentals of each film. In addition, films were placed in the custody of several field workers, of Boston University, and of the First Corps Area, Army Base, Boston.

#### Literature Published in 1938

A pamphlet by President Rowley entitled, "Humane Education—an Activity of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers," was published early in the year. A second edition was soon required, making 15,000 copies in all. Of the "Humane Exercises," for use of teachers on Humane Day in schools, 16,200 were printed. There was also a new leaflet by Dr. Schneider, "Important Advice on Feeding the Dog and Cat." More than 2,500 Humane Calendars were published and sold. So popular has the "Teacher's Helper in Humane Education" become that the ninth edition (10,000) was brought out during the year. It was also necessary to print two more editions of Dr. Rowley's "The Relation of the Home

to Character Formation," a popular pamphlet for members of the Parent-Teacher Association. Many other leaflets, cards, circulars and blotters were reprinted.

#### Contacts with Many Foreign Countries

The international character of our work is shown by our correspondence with representatives of a score of foreign lands, many of whom received our literature and other supplies, while some reported the organization of Bands of Mercy. Mr. N. B. Matta, president of the Oriental Humane Education Association, and his assistant, working under our co-operation in Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and Transjordan, visited 253 villages, lecturing before more than 27,000 people. They also did much practical work in actual care of animals, bringing 24 cases into court. Mr. S. C. Batra, a graduate of Punjab University, represented our Society in India, carrying on the work at his own expense. Miss Leona Vasileva of the American College in Sofia, Bulgaria, introduced humane education into the schools there through our co-operation, with special attention to Be Kind to Animals Week. Other countries where the influence of the American Humane Education Society was exerted, in one way or another, were Cuba, Bermuda, British West Indies, Canal Zone, Panama, England, Czechoslovakia, Philippine Islands, Morocco and the Union of South Africa. The Society sent special supplies to the Hawaiian Humane Society.

#### Be Kind to Animals Week

Proclaimed by Governors of states from Maine to California, the twenty-fourth annual Be Kind to Animals Week was observed by increased fervor and unprecedented appeals by radio, press and pulpit. The observances in several states have already been mentioned. In Massachusetts the usual Proclamation was issued by the Governor and a program, similar to that of former years, was carried out by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The school poster contest brought 8,402 posters from 563 schools in 170 cities and towns. Nearly 2,500 medals and upwards of 1,500 honorable mentions were awarded. Schools observed Humane Day with the help of 8,000 copies of "Humane Exercises" sent by the Society to teachers throughout the state. On Humane Sunday the Society presented Mr. Thornton W. Burgess in an illustrated lecture on "Friends I've Met in Fur and Feathers" to an enthusiastic audience which crowded the lecture hall of the Boston Public Library. Three cash prizes and 13 subscriptions to the magazine were awarded to boys and girls under 16 who sent in the best stories on a picture previously published in *Our Dumb Animals*. Two hundred manuscripts were received.

#### Literature Given Away

The value of the humane literature, medals, etc. given away each year, in response to requests from all parts of the world and in connection with our Band of Mercy and other activities, amounts to several thousand dollars. In 1938 no less than 150,220 cards, blotters, leaflets, books, calendars and posters were distributed free, as were 13,293 buttons, badges and medals, and five pennants. This does not include the more

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than 10,000 free subscriptions to *Our Dumb Animals* sent to Bands of Mercy, humane Societies and various individuals.

**Summary**

<b>Addresses by field workers.....</b>	<b>3,447</b>
<b>Total number in audiences.....</b>	<b>504,095</b>
<b>Pieces of literature, etc., distributed</b>	
free .....	163,518
<b>New Bands of Mercy organized...</b>	<b>8,615</b>
<b>Total Bands of Mercy at end of year.</b>	<b>236,753</b>
<b>New members enrolled in Jack London Club .....</b>	<b>39,715</b>
<b>Membership of Jack London Club at end of year .....</b>	<b>736,482</b>

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<b>Receipts from all funds .....</b>	<b>\$20,399.68</b>
<b>Expenditures .....</b>	<b>22,156.76</b>
<b>This leaves deficit of .....</b>	<b>1,757.08</b>

This deficit, as usual, is taken care of by funds from the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

FRANCIS H. ROWLEY, President

**Be Kind to Animals Week, about to be celebrated for the twenty-fifth year, was started by the Massachusetts S. P. C. A. and the American Humane Education Society at the suggestion of Mr. Henry F. Lewith of Charlestown, S. C.**

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### Bobby's Trap

MARY WILDER PLEASE

*I made a snare of steel and wood  
And hid it near the garden wall.  
There's furry folk that love the place,  
Dad says, "There's food enough for all."*

*These furry folk have padded paws  
And coats like balls of thistledown.  
It was a cruel thing I made  
And left beneath the grasses brown.*

*I'm lying safe within my bed  
With covers tucked in for the night,  
But Oh! I cannot sleep because  
I'm thinking of a squirrel's plight.*

*I hear sad noises in the wind,  
Perhaps a rabbit's cry of pain.  
Tomorrow I will break that trap  
And never build a snare again.*

### Big Brother

GENEVIEVE V. HUNT

RUFUS" is tall and powerful, with the proud, aloof manner of a German shepherd. But his lovely, soft brown eyes are windows of his gentle, kindly nature.

The intelligent actions of this dog are rather humorous at times, since he has taken it upon himself to act as "big brother" to our three young cats. He is very fond of them and allows them many privileges, such as romping over him when he is resting on the lawn, or cuddling up to him when they are cold. But Rufus believes that a cat's place is in the home and whenever one of them leaves the yard, he is right there to bring it back. If barking and rushing at the feline fails to produce the desired results, he picks it up with his mouth and carries it around to the back porch before putting it down.

Recently, a friend gave the children a pet rabbit, and Rufus immediately began watching over it, too. Every morning, as soon as I let him out, he goes to see his new charge, then takes a short walk around the neighborhood.

One day, however, he came running back to the house, barking excitedly. Thinking that perhaps he was hungry, I took some food out to him, but he refused to touch it and ran back to the pen. Realizing then that something was wrong, I followed him and found the rabbit, more dead than alive, with its head caught in the wire on the side of the pen. With wagging tail, Rufus stood there watching until I had freed the poor little creature. Then, apparently satisfied that it was saved, he turned and trotted away.

### Prayer for a Child

"Dear Father, hear and bless  
Thy beasts and singing birds;  
And guard with tenderness  
Small things that have no words."



A LESSON IN SPELLING

### Goats That Play Games

JAMES REECE

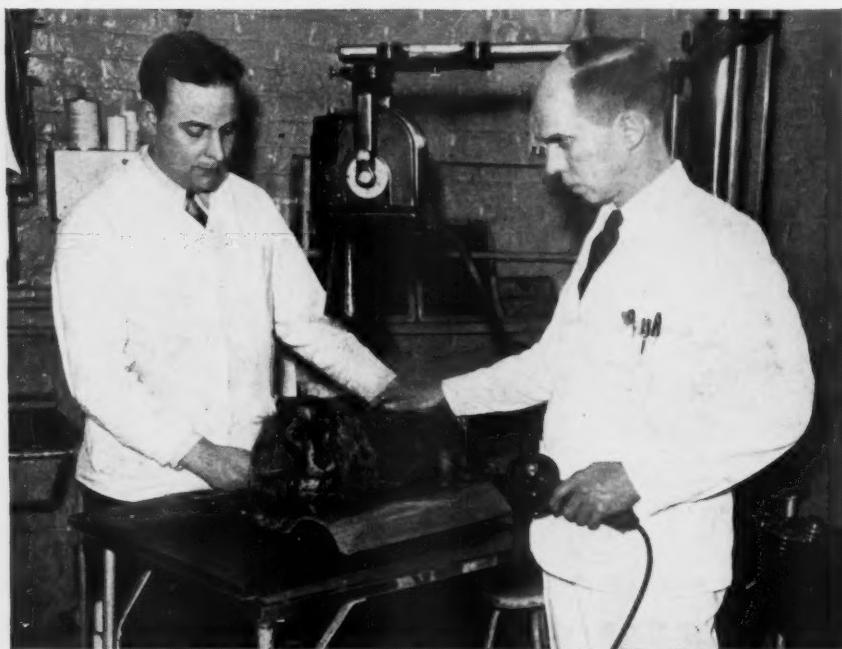
ON the prairies of western Texas there are thousands of pure white young goats. We had been told by ranchers that the kids really played games, very similar to those of children, and after watching them we found it to be true.

One game was a sort of "follow the leader," in which they balanced on rocks or hummocks, and hopped from one to another. Even down a cliff-side—leaps that would surely have killed any child, big or little, that tried them. Finally, all would return, that is, all in that particular flock of maybe 200 or so, to the starting point, and a new leader having been chosen, the performance would begin all over again. Sometimes two or more flocks would join together, and what a wild time they had!

But the funniest part was when a big automobile was parked near a flock of them and the passengers went into the woods. In less than five minutes the kids were sliding down its fenders, then "following the leader" again over the hood, under the car, then over its top, all, seemingly, with but little effort. The driver had carelessly left a door open and when he got back to the car, several kids were asleep in the seats. Others that had become tired were peacefully resting on the top of the car. The remainder were playing "ring-around-rosy" or a similar game, circling the car in opposite directions. Yes, these western Texas kids do originate games and play them gleefully.

**A wonderful provision for the cat family is their long whiskers, which help them to feel their way at night. These are attached to very delicate nerves, and must never be handled roughly as such handling would cause pain. By the use of these whiskers the cat can tell whether she can pass through any opening.**

Answers to "Two Dozen Hidden Animals" puzzle last month:  
1. Unicorn, cat, beaver. 2. Caribou, rabbit, horse. 3. Pig, goat, bear. 4. Cow, steer, dog. 5. Ferret, mole, hare. 6. Lamb, seal, bison. 7. Tapir, marten, rat. 8. Camel, kitten, pony.



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**Including Springfield Branch**

Hospital	Dispensary
Cases entered 884	Cases 2,413
Dogs 666	Dogs 2,058
Cats 207	Cats 332
Birds 6	Birds 17
Horses 5	Rabbits 2
	Horse 1
	Monkey 1
	Squirrel 1
	Mink 1
Operations 876	
Hospital cases since opening, Mar. 1, 1915 . . . . .	168,226
Dispensary cases . . . . .	418,762
Total . . . . .	586,988

**The Month in the Springfield Branch**

Cases entered in Hospital . . . . .	160
Cases entered in Dispensary . . . . .	492
Operations . . . . .	168

**The Dark Man of Mayo**

KADRA MAYSIS

*The Dark Man of Mayo  
Can never see the sky—  
The gray sky of Connacht  
With the wild geese driving by.*

*He cannot see the Twelve Bens  
Above the mists of dawn;  
But, he talks with long-dead heroes  
And he knows the leprechaun.*

*The tawny foxes lead him  
To find their secret place.  
The wild swan feed their cygnets  
Before his sightless face.*

*Men say the Little People  
Are, always, at his side;  
Yet, he cannot see Lough Corrib  
And the fens where plover hide.*

*He cannot see the turf pools  
Or the frost upon the whin;  
But, the Dark Man of Mayo  
Can see your heart within.*

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Any bequest especially intended for the benefit of the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital should, nevertheless, be made to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals "for the use of the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital," as the Hospital is not incorporated but is the property of that Society and is conducted by it.

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DR. FRANCIS H. ROWLEY, President  
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**PLEDGE**

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**NEW BANDS OF MERCY**

Eight hundred and seventy-nine new Bands of Mercy were organized during January. Of these, 221 were in Massachusetts, 212 in Georgia, 146 in Rhode Island, 83 in Florida, 80 in Illinois, 66 in South Carolina, 36 in Virginia, 18 in Texas, ten in Pennsylvania, three in Tennessee, and one each in Maine, Nebraska, New York and North Carolina.

Total number Bands of Mercy organized by Parent American Society, 237,632.

**Mr. Matta Carries On**

The December report of Mr. N. B. Matta, president of the Oriental Humane Education Society with headquarters in Lebanon, mentions many communications from teachers telling of the good work of their pupils with regard to kindness to animals. The field lecturer organized 13 Bands of Mercy in Transjordan and three in Lebanon, with a total membership of 650. Animals humanely put to sleep included 17 cats, 14 dogs, two mules, two horses and one ass. Nine cats and four dogs were cared for, while two cows, five dogs and one horse were restored to their owners.

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